

THE LAKE ACRES ASSOCIATION, INC. NEWSLETTER

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2005 Starts with Election of New Officers

Our first General Membership Meeting of the year took place in January at Marianne Merrow's home, where the election of Officers for 2003 took place.

Welcome to our new officers listed below:

- President
 Marie Ventura
 786-3490
- President-elect VACANT
- Vice President
 Marianne Merrow
 786-2370
- Treasurer Kemp Lear 786-6516
- Secretary
 Drake Riggins

We Need a Volunteer!

You'll note in the list of officers that the position of President-elect is currently vacant. As the office that steps into the position of President for the next, this is an important vacancy. If you have any interest, please contact one of the listed officers.

Please Drive Garefully

Again, we repeat a constantly heard refrain in Lake Acres: Please slow down and drive carefully in the neighborhood. There are a lot of small children playing and larger children walking in the area, and speeding raises concerns for all of us. With the advent of warmer weather, there will be a lot of joggers and walkers as well. Please be cautious, and THANKS.

Next Association Meeting

The next Lake Acres Homeowner's Association meeting will be held on 20 April 2005 at 7:30 PM at the home of Marianne Merrow, the vice president. Look for a mailing with the agenda. If you have any business you wish to have discussed, please contact one of the officer



The Association is sponsoring an association picnic on Sunday, 24 July at 1600 at the Pavilion. Brats, Burgers and Dogs will be featured, along with some of the traditional fixins and drinks. This will serve as our summer meeting, so please plan on attending.

Community Interest

Own a small business? Interested in babysitting or pet sitting? Do you offer a service that anyone in the Community could take advantage of? Please send the particulars to the webmaster and we'll see that you get some free advertising in the newsletter and on the web page.

Getting to know you!

If you are currently new to Lake Acres, please let us know who you are so that we may welcome you properly, keep you informed on upcoming events and add you to our directory. If you are interested in participating in any of the association committees or serving on the board, please contact any of the officers or committee chairpersons.

Lake Acres Web Site

As noted previously, we've worked hard on developing a Lake Acres web site so we can keep you up-to-date without mailing (don't worry, if you aren't computer linked, we'll always make sure the newsletters and important information are mailed to your home address). Our site will provide a place for keeping you informed on Comings and Goings and the activities of the Association (it might even help put a little spark into Association business). One advantage of the on-line newsletter will be the capability to see the

publication in color. You'll find us online at

www.lakeacreshoa.com. The webmaster appreciates any and all suggestions for features or articles. Got any great pictures of the Community? Send them

to the webmaster <u>webmaster@lakeacreshoa.com</u> in JPG format and we'll get them in the next newsletter and onto our web page.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The Lake Acres Adopt-A-Highway team will swing into action on **Saturday**, **4 June at 9:00 am**, assuming the weather cooperates. Our community maintains the two-mile section of Gordon Road (Rt. 627) between the Ni River Bridge and Goshen Baptist Church. All residents are invited to participate. The more, the merrier! This is a great way to meet friends and neighbors and the more help, the faster the work goes. Normally, a crew of eight can clean the roadway in about two hours. No special skills are needed, just a willingness to work and a pair of sturdy gloves. Bags and road vests will be provided.

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One of the few things our covenants really focus on is the presence of "junk cars" in the neighborhood. If you have a vehicle of any sort that is not properly licensed and registered, it should not be visible in you driveway, or on the street. You are responsible for seeing to it that the unlicensed, unregistered vehicle is out of sight. If you have one of these problems laying around, now might be a good time to call one of the charitable foundations that will remove the problem at no charge and provide you with a potentially valuable tax break!



There has been some interest expressed in reinvigorating the neighborhood watch. If you are interested in serving as a chairman or block captain, please contact one of the Association Officers.

Lot Assessments Due

Homeowners Association Lot Assessment statements have been mailed out. Please try and get your dues paid as quickly as possible so we can get to work on some items that need to be addressed.